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SUBJECT: MATALON PROPOSALS

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 240693

1. APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND ALL STRICTURES CONTAINED
IN REFTEL AND CONCUR COMPLETELY IN APPROACH SUGGESTED.

2. MATALON DUE BACK HERE OCTOBER 12 AFTER CHECK-UP
IN MIAMI AND HAS ADVISED HE WISHES TO TALK TO ME
SHORTLY AFTER RETURN. IN INTEND TO WAIT FOR CALL
FROM HIM OR PM

3. IF ANYTHING IS TO COME OF ALL THIS, I SEE USG ROLE
PRIMARILY AS CATALYST AND PROVIDER OF GOOD OFFICES
RATHER THAN DONOR EVEN GUARANTOR. FOR EXAMPLE, IN
CONVERSATIONS EARLIER THIS WEEK WITH VP LINDEMUTH OF
KAISER, (KINGSTON 3975) HE EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN
WITH JAMAICAN ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH JEOPARDIZED
THEIR INVESTMENT. WHEN I ASKED HYPOTHETICALLY
WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE INDUSTRY MIGHT BE INTERESTED
IN PARTICIPATING IN GUARANTEES IN RETURN FOR REASONABLE
ASSURANCES WERE THE GOJ TO TURN TO THE UNITED STATES
FOR HELP, HE REACTED FAVORABLY AND FELT THAT SUCH A

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POSSIBILITY CERTAINLY MERITED DISCUSSION

4. ASSESSMENT OF URGENCY OF GOJ FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES
ALREADY IN PROGRESS NOW BEING REVISED IN LIGHT
OF THREE AND ONE-HALF HOUR SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER
YESTERDAY ON GOVERNMENT ANTI-INFLATION ACTIONS. OUR OFF-CUFF
REACTION IS THAT PROPOSED MEASURES ARE PRIMARILY
POLITICAL AND WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY REMEDY WHAT
HE TERMED "GRAVE SITUATION" AND "CRISIS". FOREIGN
EXCHANGE POSITION IS CERTAINLY IN CRITICAL AREA.
PROPOSED "BELT-TIGHTENING" IS LARGELY COSMETIC AND
NO REALISTIC WAGE CONTROL POLICY WAS FORTHCOMING--
ALTHOUGH VAGUE PROMISES OF FOLLOW-UP ACTION IN COMING
MONTHS COULD, IF IMPLEMENTED, RESULT IN SOME IMPROVEMENTM
I CURRENTLY FORESEE DISLOCATIONS OF VARYING DEGREES
OF SEVERITY FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE BUT NO MAJOR CRUNCH
UNTIL END OF FIRST QUARTER 1976. GERARD

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